

**ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**

Wednesday, January 9, 2012, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:02 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Leland Carlson
Alderman Doug Mark, 3rd Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mark Marinaro, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman

Also Present

Mr. Harmil Patel, 2837 11th Street, 61109
Mr. Patrick Murray, 1299 Creekwood Circle, 61108
Ms. Colleen Hoesly, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on November 14, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 1st Ward from Patrick Murray 1299 Creekwood Circle, 61108 to prohibit commercial vehicles on S. Trainer Road from Fincham Drive to Newburg Road (Mr. Murray discussed the that there used to be "No Truck" signs up at Fincham Drive and Trainer Road and there is still a sign at Newburg Road and Trainer Drive. Mr. Murray stated that the trucks driving down the road create a lot of noise and are tearing up the road. J. Carter explained that signs had been up but there had not been an ordinance in place and that Trainer Road is considered a Thorough Street by city ordinance and therefore by ordinance is a truck route unless posted otherwise. C. Bishop stated she use to live in the area and support Mr. Murray's claim of noise. Commission discussed that truck prohibition should start south of entrance to the property at the south west corner of Fincham Drive and Trainer Road. Commission recommended prohibiting commercial vehicles on S. Trainer Road from Fincham Drive to Newburg Road. Motion by C. Bishop, seconded by M. Marinaro. Voted 10-0)

2. Request in the 10th Ward from Lindsey Karr, 419 Roland Ave, 61107 to establish an all-way stop control at the intersection of Roland Avenue and Jackson Street. (Commission discussed that the intersection had a low volume and few reported accidents. Commission discussed that there was a slight visibility issue for vehicles travelling east to see north bound vehicle at the intersection. Commission recommended Roland Avenue yielding for Jackson Street. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by T. Cagnoni. Voted 10-0)
3. Request in the 6th Ward from Himanshu Modi of Annex Builders, to establish a “No Parking Anytime” on the north side of Reed Avenue from 11th Street to alley west of 11th Street. (Mr. Patel discussed that cars from the business across Reed Street park in front of his property and block his driveway. J. Carter discussed that this was a terrace parking issue and if parking is not removed then terrace parking would need to be voted on. Commission discussed not removing the parking but striping it to show people where they must park. Commission recommended establishing terrace parking zone on Reed Avenue from 11th Street to 120’ west of 11th Street. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 8-2)
4. Request in the 5th Ward by City Staff to establish “Federal Courthouse Permit Parking Only” Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street. (J. Carter discussed that this request was to establish the on-street parking for the Federal Courthouse who intended to use it for jury parking. J. Carter explained parking in this area was in short supply due to closing approximately 430 spaces in the Concourse Parking Deck. Commission recommended establishing “Federal Courthouse Permit Parking Only” Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by D. Mark. Voted 10-0)
5. Request in the 3rd Ward by City Staff to establish “Official Parking Only” on the east side of South 1st Street from 62 feet south of Walnut Street to 100 feet south of Walnut Street. (Commission discussed that this request was from the Fire Department to change a small area of “No Parking” to official vehicle parking only. Commission discussed that the area had been made “No Parking” to allow for work on the Fire Department’s communication antenna. Commission recommended establishing “Official Parking Only” on the east side of South 1st Street from 62 feet south of Walnut Street to 100 feet south of Walnut Street, thus repealing the “No Parking Anytime” restriction. Motion by D. Mark, seconded by C. Bishop. Voted 10-0)
6. Request in the 2nd Ward from City Staff to establish 20 mph School Speed Limit on 6th Avenue from 14th Street to 15th Street and on 15th Street from Charles Street to 6th Avenue. (Commission discussed there was not a 20mph school speed limit in the ordinance book in this area. Commission recommended establishing 20 mph School Speed Limit on 6th Avenue from 14th Street to 15th Street and on 14th Street from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue. Motion by C. Bishop, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 10-0)

7. Request in the 13th Ward from City Staff to Establish “Official Parking Only” on south side of West State Street from Court Street to Winnebago St. (Commission discussed that PD had originally wanted more spaces on West State Street but did not want to take spaces away from a mental health facility, so were now requesting spaces on Elm Street. Commission discussed that the spaces would be temporary as PD was planning to move from the Public Safety Building and that some “No Parking” restrictions would be removed. Commission recommended establishing “Official Parking Only” Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the north side of Elm Street from Winnebago Street to 165 feet east of Winnebago Street, thus repealing the “No Parking Anytime” restriction. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 10-0)

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:

1. Request in the 12th Ward from Lori Bauerlein, 2812 Country Club Terrace, 61103 to establish a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Oxford Street from Fulton Street to 75 feet north of Fulton Street. (J. Carter discussed that in 1986 this area of parking was left at the request of the home owner so he would have some on street parking in front of his house, and that the north side of Fulton was “No Parking” and the west side of Oxford was also no parking. J. Carter stated that per the parking survey the home owner still wishes to keep the parking in front of his house. Commission recommended No Action on all items. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 10-0).
2. Request in the 2nd Ward from SwedishAmerican Hospital to establish a Midblock Pedestrian Crossing on 9th Street, 475 feet north of Charles Street. (Commission discussed that the request was to allow SwedishAmerican employees to cross the street. Commission discussed that there was a very low number of pedestrian during the counts and there appeared to be significant gaps in traffic to allow for crossing without stripped crosswalk. Commission recommended No Action on all items. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 10-0).

Other items:

1. Review of proposed City Street Lighting policy. (J. Carter explained that this new street lighting policy was written after removing approximately 2500 street lights in the City. J. Carter discussed that the Traffic Commission would review street light requests that had been denied by Public Works, for traffic warrants, and the Police Department, for public safety warrants. Commission accepted the City of Rockford Residential and Collector Street Lighting Policy with no revisions. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 9-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by C. Bishop

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

February 13, 2013 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary